

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 15, 2005, the Examiner has objected to Claims 4 and 7-12 as having antecedent issues, and objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). Further, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8 and 17-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Oelbrandt, et al., and has rejected Claims 9-13, and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Oelbrandt, et al. in view of Deguchi, et al. or Iijima. However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that Claims 14-16 are drawn to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this paper, the indicated allowable subject matter of Claim 14 (now cancelled) has been included in independent Claim 1. Claim 3, dependent from Claim 1, has been amended to recite that “the pressurized air (21) having at least one directional component directed perpendicular to the substrate underside (9) and one directional component directed in the transport direction (11) of the substrate (5).” Claim 7 has been amended to depend from Claim 3, instead of Claim 1. Claims 13, 15, and 23, as well as the Specification, have been amended as to matters of form only. Accordingly, Claims 13, 15, and 23 have not been narrowed by this amendment. Claims 4, 14, 16-22, and 25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. The cancellation of Claim 16 renders the objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) moot.

In view of the above-discussed amendments and remarks, the remaining claims 1-3, 5-13, 15, 23, 24, and 26 are respectfully submitted to be patentable.

This Application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

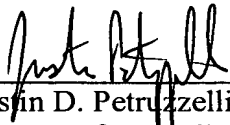
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company, Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

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